

# BRIDE'S STORY

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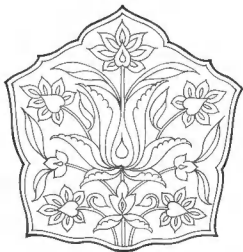
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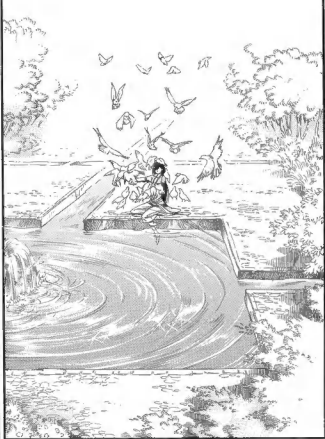
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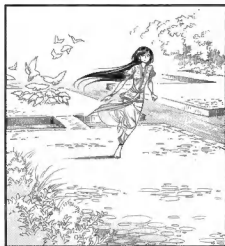


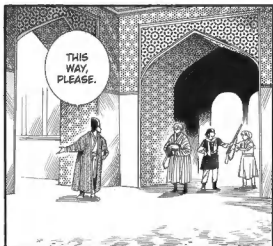
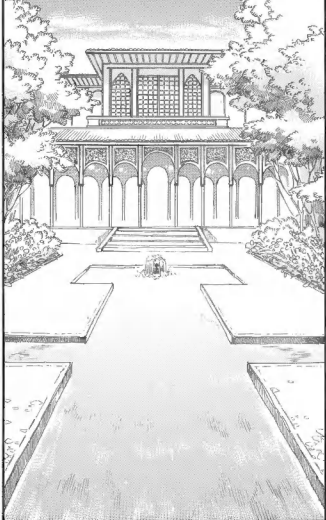
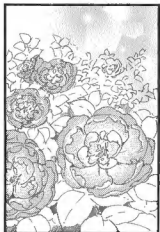
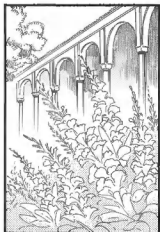




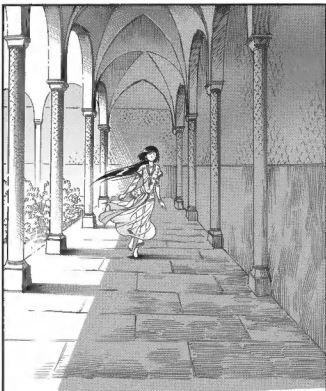
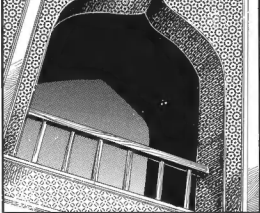
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WATER GARDEN  
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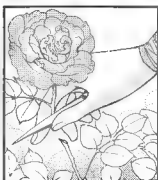
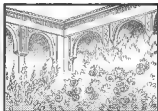














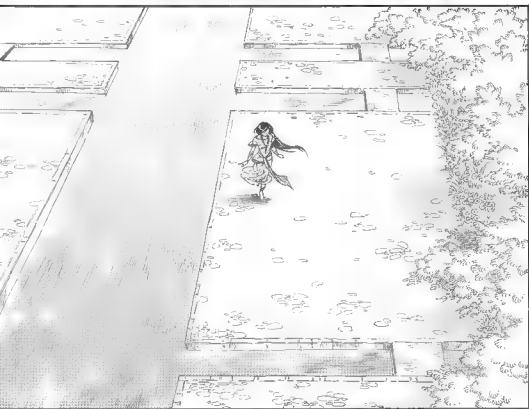


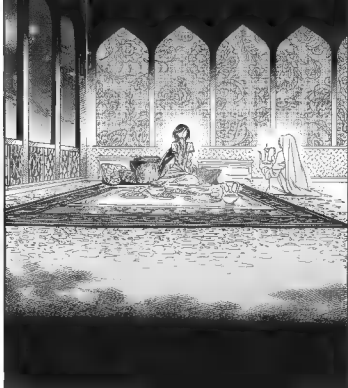


















HE  
SAYS THIS  
"ENGLAND"

...HAS  
WATER ON  
ALL ITS  
BORDERS.



THE LAND  
IS A GREEN  
EXPANSE THAT  
STRETCHES ON  
FOREVER, AND  
THE SHEEP  
NEVER LACK  
FOR GRASS  
TO EAT.



A BEAUTIFUL  
COUNTRY,  
ACCORDING  
TO HIM.

AND MUCH  
RAIN FALLS  
THERE.





"ONE TINY  
CORNER  
OF YOUR  
SHOULDER IS  
WHERE MY  
HEART  
RESTS..."

"...AND NO  
KING CAN  
KNOW THE  
JOY I FEEL  
AT THIS  
MOMENT."



"...THE  
VIBRANT  
ROSE  
FADES  
BEFORE  
YOU."

"YOU  
OUTSHINE  
EVEN THE  
GLITTERING  
MOON-  
LIGHT..."



.....



YES.

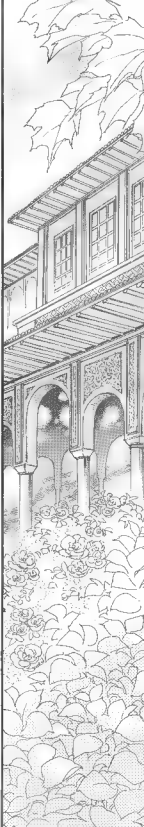
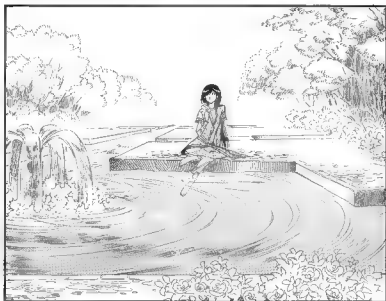
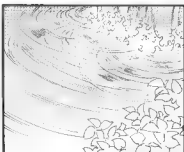
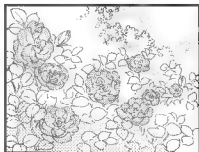
VERY  
HAPPY.

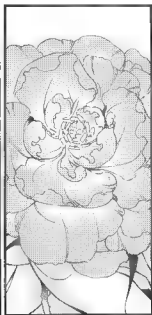


I AM  
HAPPY.

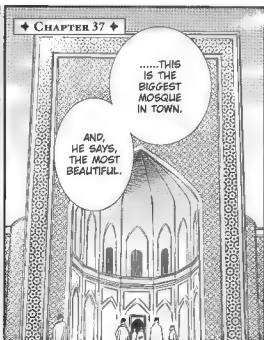
ARE  
YOU,  
ANIS?





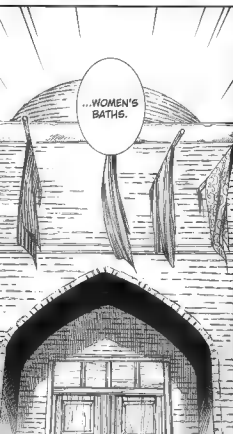










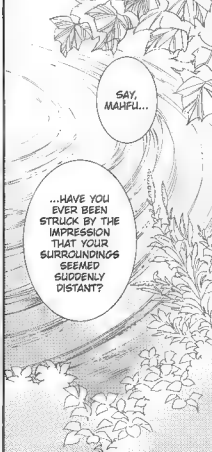




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CHAPTER 37  
AVOWED SISTERS  
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WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN BY  
THAT?



SAY,  
MAHFU...

...HAVE YOU  
EVER BEEN  
STRUCK BY THE  
IMPRESSION  
THAT YOUR  
SURROUNDINGS  
SEEMED  
SUDDENLY  
DISTANT?



MAYBE...  
IT'S JUST  
ME.



HOHH  
.....?



EVERY  
NOW  
AND  
THEN...

...I JUST  
HAVE  
THIS ODD  
FEELING  
...

I'M  
HAPPY,  
BUT I  
FEEL AS  
IF EVERY-  
THING'S  
SO FAR  
AWAY...





BOTH HAVE  
HUSBANDS  
AND ARE  
MOTHERS...

...MAKE A  
LIFELONG  
CONTRACT  
WITH EACH  
OTHER.

TWO  
WOMEN WHO  
ARE BOTH  
MARRIED  
AND HAVE  
CHILDREN...

...A VERY  
SPECIAL  
PERSON.



THEY'D NEVER  
HOLD ANY OTHER  
FRIEND DEARER  
THAN THEIR  
AVOWED SISTER.

...BUT  
THEY'RE NEVER  
JEALOUS OR  
SPITEFUL OF  
THE OTHER.

AND THEY  
NEVER TALK  
BEHIND THE  
OTHER'S  
BACK.

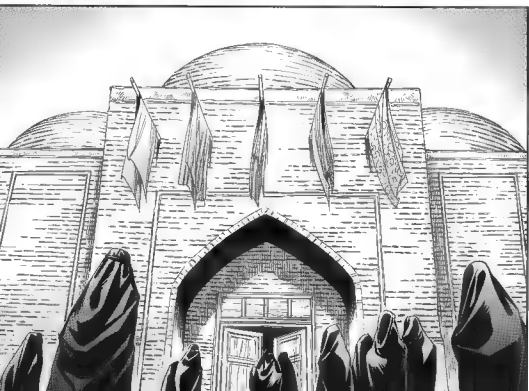






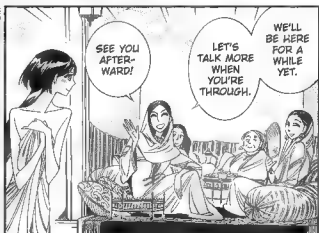








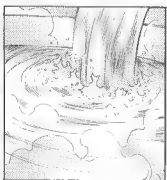
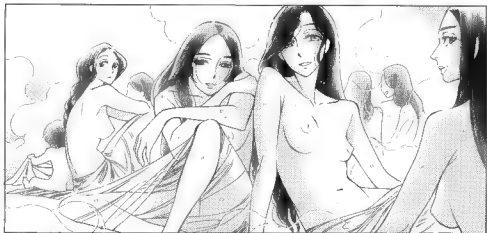
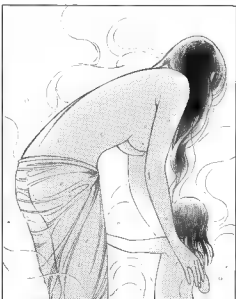


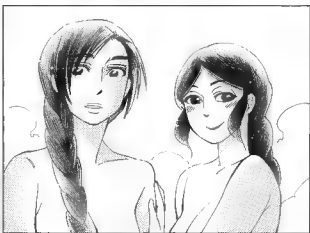
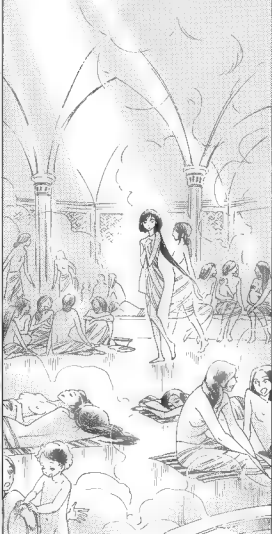


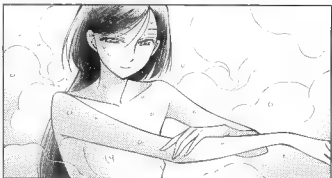
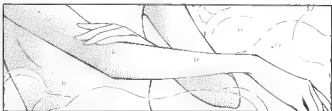
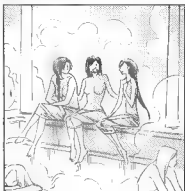
















EEYAAH!

CHAPTER 38  
MEN'S BATHS







.....THEY  
CALL THESE  
"BATHS"...

...BUT I  
DON'T SEE  
POOLS OF  
WATER.



HARDLY  
EVER,  
REALLY.

ALL, DO  
YOU GO  
TO THE  
BATHS OFTEN?



OH,  
SOME  
BATHS  
HAVE  
THEM...

...JUST  
NOT  
HERE.



I'M  
HEADING  
OUT TO  
TAKE A  
NAP.

SEE  
YOU  
LATER.

ALL  
RIGHT.



...THAT  
MAKES  
SENSE.



IF I  
WANT TO  
TAKE A DIP,  
A RIVER  
DOES JUST  
FINE.

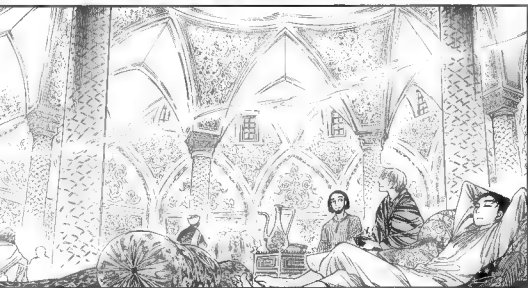
THE  
BATHS  
ARE  
EXPEN-  
SIVE.

A  
LUXURY.











THEY  
WERE  
FUN.



HOW  
WERE THE  
BATHS...

...ANIS?



.....



NOTHING  
THERE  
TROUBLED  
YOU?



...A  
LITTLE...  
TOO  
LIVELY?

WEREN'T  
THEY...



OH  
YES.

VERY  
LIVELY.



...OF ALL  
KINDS OF  
THINGS.

...  
TALKED  
...

WE  
ALL...



EVERY-  
ONE  
WAS...

...VERY  
KIND TO  
ME.

NO,  
NOTH-  
ING.





SHE HAD  
BLACK,  
SILKY  
HAIR...

...AND  
LIPS LIKE  
RUBIES  
\*\*\*\*\*



\*\*\*\*\*  
COME TO  
THINK OF  
IT...

...  
TODAY  
...



...THERE  
WAS THIS  
REMARKABLE  
WOMAN.



I  
WONDER  
IF.....

...SHE  
WOULD  
AGREE...

...TO  
BE...



SHE  
SEEMED  
...

...A  
LITTLE...

...LIKE  
A CAT.

...MY  
FRIEND  
\*\*\*\*\*

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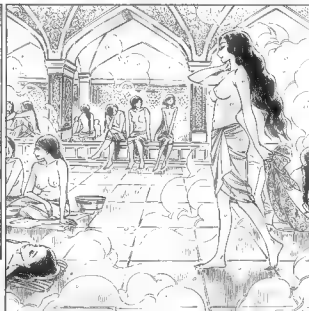
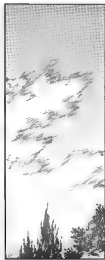


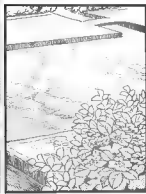
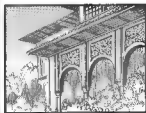
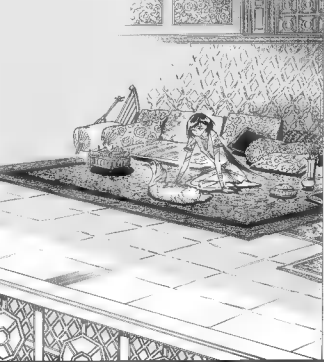


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**CHAPTER 39**  
**NICE TO**  
**MEET YOU**  
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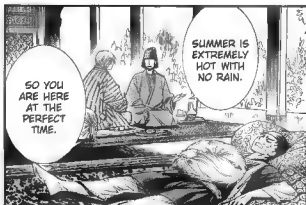


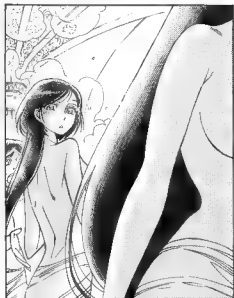




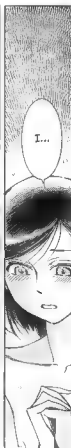












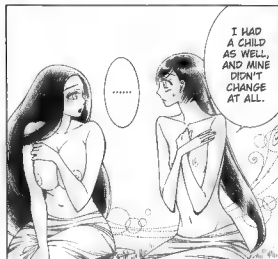
















YOU  
HARDLY  
EVER  
COME,  
DO  
YOU?

WHY  
NOT?

DOES  
YOUR  
HUSBAND  
OBJECT?



COME  
TO  
THINK  
OF  
IT, I  
ATTENDED  
HER  
WEDDING.

THEY  
ONLY  
MARRIED  
THE YEAR  
BEFORE  
LAST.

HER?  
SHE'S THE  
WIFE OF  
THE CLOTH  
DYER.

SHE HAS  
A CHILD,  
RIGHT?

JUST  
ONE, I  
THINK.



OH,  
DEAR.



WE HAVE  
VERY  
LITTLE  
MONEY...



YOU  
TOO!

PUT  
SOME  
MEAT ON  
THOSE  
BONES!

YOU'RE  
TOO SKINNY,  
AND THAT'S  
A FACT!

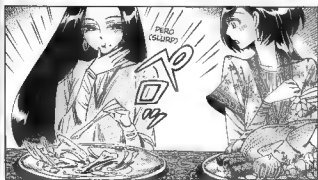
EH?



YES!  
GOOD  
IDEA!

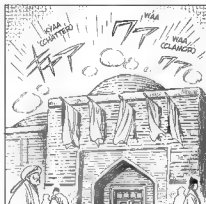
IT'S  
ON ME!

WELL,  
SINCE WE'RE  
HERE, LET'S  
ALL HAVE  
SOMETHING  
TO EAT.











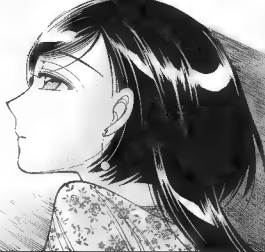








CHAPTER 40  
SHERINE









I  
WONDER  
IF I'M  
TOO  
THIN.

WOULD IT  
BE BETTER  
IF I PUT  
ON SOME  
WEIGHT?

YOU'RE  
LIKE THE  
WILLOW  
LINGERING  
OVER A  
POOL.

BOTH ARMS  
GRACEFULLY  
UNDULATING  
■ THE GENTLE  
BREEZE AND  
ENFOLDING THE  
NARCISSUS  
PLANTS AT  
THE WATER'S  
EDGE.

YOUR LOVELY,  
SLENDER WAIST  
IS LIKE THE  
GLOWING  
CRESCENT  
MOON.



NO...

NO,  
NOT AT  
ALL!

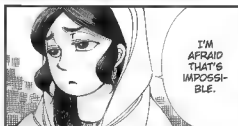


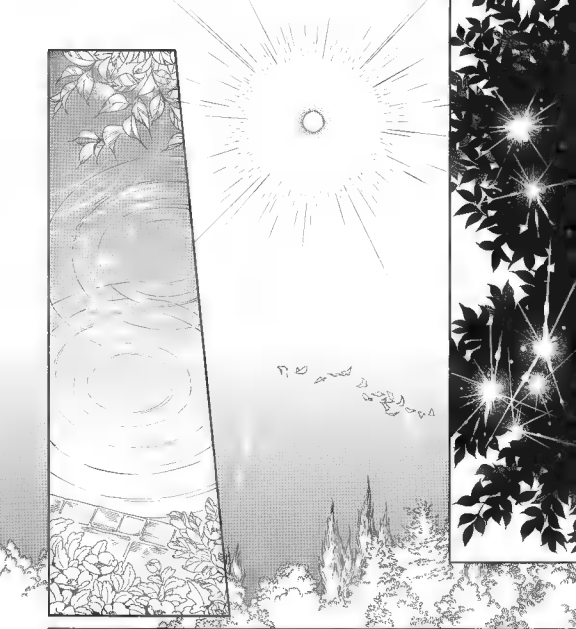
I WILL  
ADMIT...

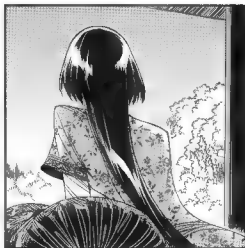
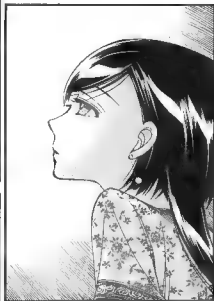
...THAT  
PERHAPS  
MOST MEN  
DO PREFER  
THEIR WOMEN  
THAT WAY...

...BUT YOUR  
DELICATE,  
GRACEFUL  
FORM IS  
ONE OF THE  
THINGS I  
LOVE ABOUT  
YOU.

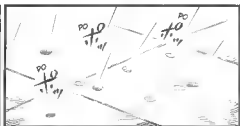
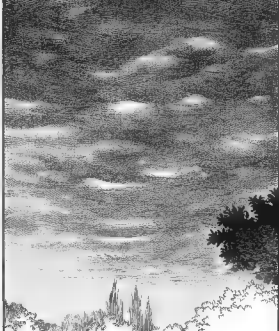




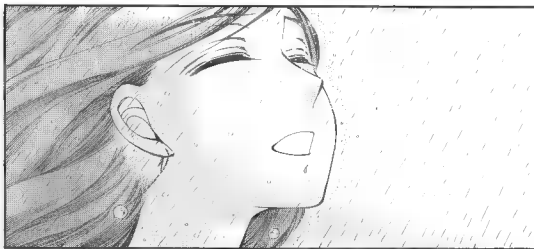








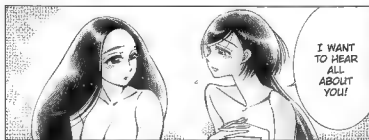




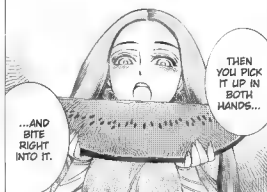




















BUT IT'S  
BIG AND  
ROUND...

...ALL  
WHITE WITH  
FLUFFY  
FUR.....



IT  
DONES'T  
COME  
WHEN I  
CALL IT.

AND IT'S  
ALWAYS  
IN A BAD  
MOOD.

AND  
SLEEPS  
ALL THE  
TIME.

AND  
NEVER  
CATCHES  
ANY  
MICE.



...IT'S  
ALL  
RIGHT.

I LIKE  
CATS.



UM...

I'M  
SORRY  
IF THAT  
SOUNDS  
BAD.

SAYING  
YOU'RE  
LIKE A  
CAT...



I...DON'T  
HAVE ANY  
FLUFFY FUR,  
YOU KNOW.

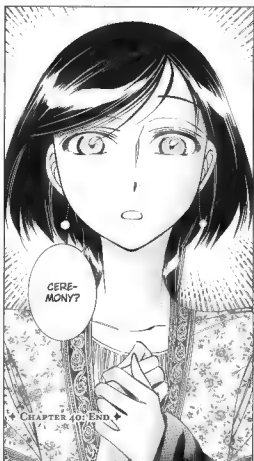


IT'S  
JUST THE  
IMPRES-  
SION YOU  
GIVE.

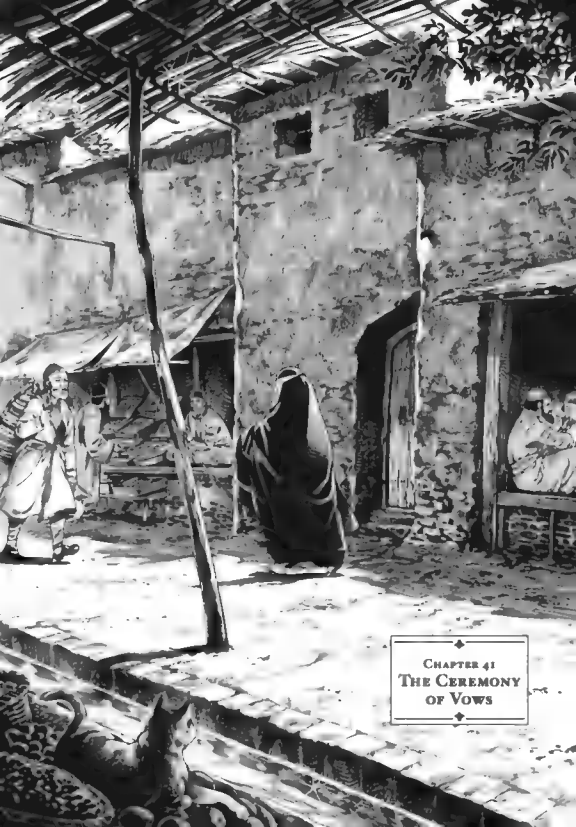
YOU  
SEEM SO  
SOFT.....



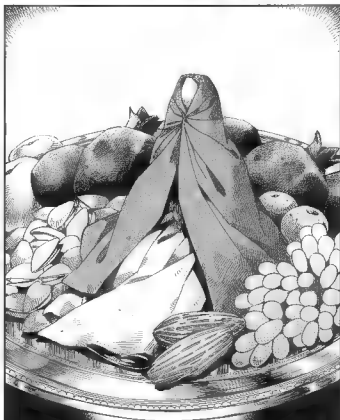








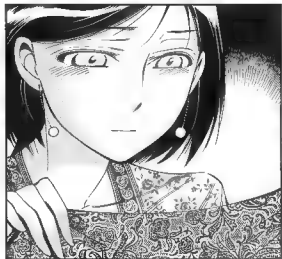
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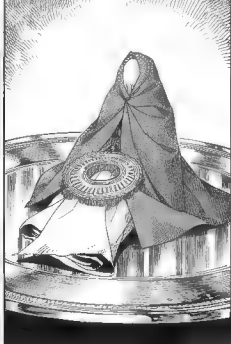
















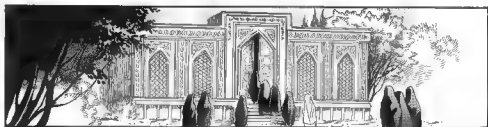
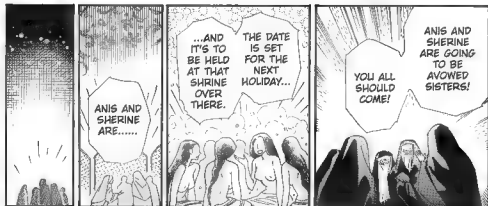














AND WE ARE  
HERE IN THE  
SHRINE OF  
THE DESCEN-  
DANTS OF A  
RIGHTEOUS  
IMAM.

TODAY  
IS THE  
DAY WE  
COMMEM-  
ORATE THE  
PROPHET.

THE  
PERFECT  
TIME AND  
PLACE TO  
BIND  
PEOPLE  
TOGETHER.



...  
SHERINE.

...  
AND  
...

ANIS...



FOR ON  
THE DAY OF  
JUDGMENT,  
THE PATH TO  
HEAVEN OPENS  
TO THE  
TRUE AVOWED  
SISTERS.



AND  
WHEN TWO  
DECIDE TO  
WALK THE  
PATH OF LIFE  
TOGETHER,  
IT MUST BE  
CELEBRATED.

AVOWED  
SISTERS  
ARE AN  
INSTITUTION  
WOMEN  
CANNOT DO  
WITHOUT.



JUST  
SAY THE  
WORDS  
YOU WERE  
TAUGHT.



...WE SHALL  
PERFORM  
THE  
CEREMONY  
THAT BINDS  
YOU.

...AND  
THESE  
WITNESSES  
...

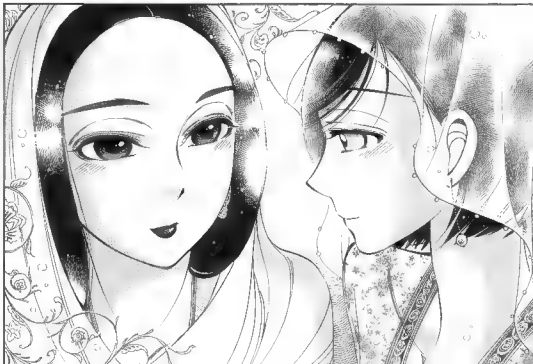
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NOW,  
BEFORE  
YOUR MEDIA-  
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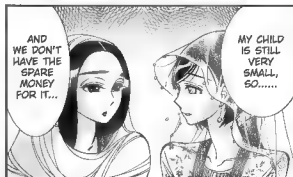






VERY  
WELL.



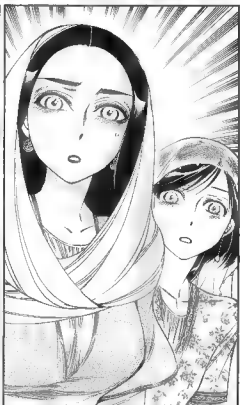




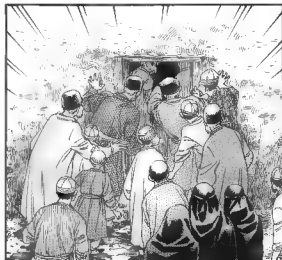


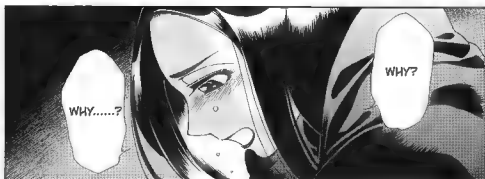


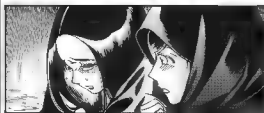










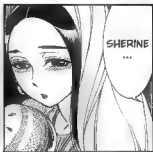


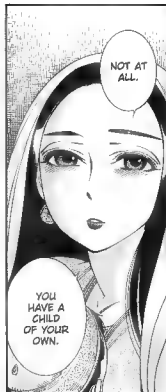


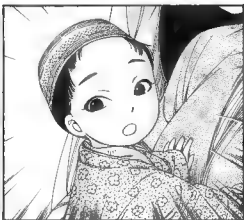
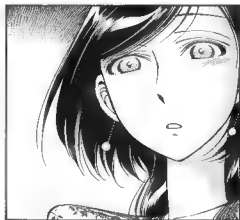
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If It's You





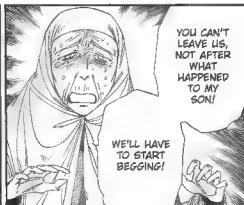




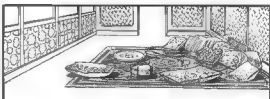








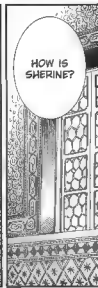






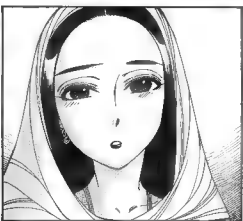
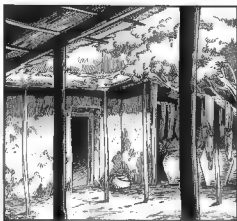




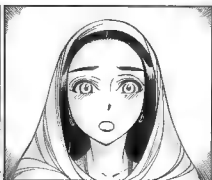


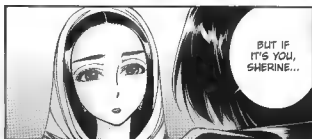


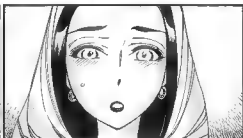
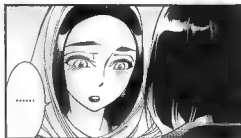


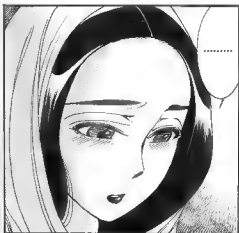


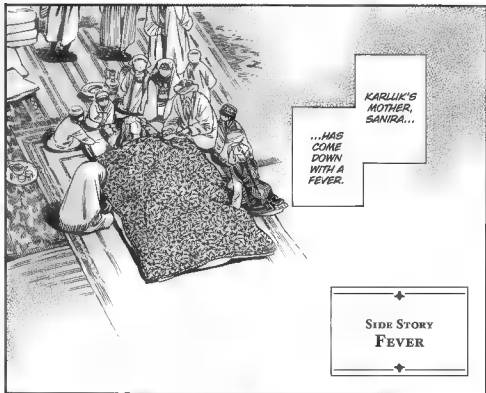














...WHAT IS IT?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?



HAFF!



MY BACK IS ALL SWEATY...

IT'S UNCOMFORTABLE...



I DON'T WANT TO WAKE THEM...

BUT...

...EVERYONE ELSE IS ASLEEP.



YOU WANT A WIPE-DOWN?



WHERE'S A CLEAN RAG?

I THINK I CAN MANAGE THAT MUCH.



YOU WILL...?



NO NEED TO WAKE ANYBODY.

I'LL WIPE YOUR BACK MYSELF.









I'M  
AL-  
READY  
DOING  
IT.

THERE'S  
NO NEED  
TO BE SO  
MODEST.  
  
JUST  
MOVE  
YOUR  
HAND  
AWAY.





YOU NEVER  
SEEM TO  
CHANGE.



NO,  
I'M SAYING  
THAT YOU  
HAVEN'T  
CHANGED  
OVER THE  
YEARS.



OF  
COURSE  
I DO. I'M  
AN OLD  
WOMAN  
NOW.



THAT  
FEELS  
MUCH  
BETTER.



NOW  
WHICH  
WAS THE  
CLEAN  
TUNIC?

THIS  
ONE?



THERE.

THAT  
SHOULD  
ABOUT  
DO IT.

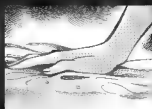


OH,  
THAT.

THEN  
SLEEP  
OVER  
HERE.



THE  
BEDDING  
IS STILL  
DAMP  
WITH  
SWEAT.



WHAT  
IS IT?



COME  
ON.



EH?

OH,  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.



NO.

YOUR  
FEVER'S  
DOWN.



AREN'T  
I TOO  
HOT FOR  
YOU?



AH  
YES...

I'D  
FORGOTTEN  
HOW EASILY  
HE FALLS  
SLEEP.



OH,  
DEAR...



THERE,  
THERE.

YOUR  
FEVER'S  
DOWN!



THE  
MOON IS  
BEAUTIFUL  
TONIGHT.

◆ SIDE STORY: END ◆

## AFTERWORD





# AFTERWORD TAN-TA-DAH!! MANGA!! ♡

"COO-COO-COO,  
PIGEON,  
COO-COO"









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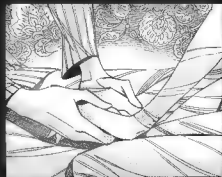




◆  
CHAPTER 43  
A GARDEN  
FOR TWO  
◆











.....AND  
BRING HER  
PARENTS  
WITH HER.



.....  
BRING HER  
WHEN HER  
MOURNING  
PERIOD IS  
OVER.



NO.

IT'S ONLY  
NATURAL  
TO WANT  
TO HELP A  
PERSON IN  
NEED.



YOU ARE  
THE MOST  
WONDER-  
FUL MAN!

I  
KNEW  
IT!







...THEN  
SHOULDN'T  
HE USE THAT  
POWER TO  
HELP?

IF IT IS  
WITHIN  
ONE'S POWER  
TO SAVE  
ANOTHER...



HOWEVER,  
THE FACT  
THAT THERE  
IS A WOMAN  
IN TROUBLE  
CHANGES  
THINGS.



THAT  
REASONING  
IS TYPICAL  
IN MY  
COUNTRY  
TOO.

I SUPPOSE  
THOSE WHO  
HAVE MORE  
ALSO HAVE  
ADDITIONAL  
DUTIES AND  
EXPECTATIONS.

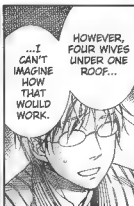


YES, IF  
YOU PUT  
IT THAT  
WAY.....

HM.....



THAT IS  
WHY I SAID  
IT IS ONLY  
FOR THOSE  
WHO CAN  
MANAGE  
IT.



...I  
CAN'T  
IMAGINE  
HOW  
THAT  
WOULD  
WORK.

HOWEVER,  
FOUR WIVES  
UNDER ONE  
ROOF...



I WANT  
TO KNOW  
WHAT THIS  
THING  
THINKS IT'S  
DOING.

GORO  
(PURR)  
goro  
goro  
goro



I KNOW  
THIS PLACE  
IS NICE, SO  
WE STAYED  
A WHILE...

...BUT I  
THINK IT'S  
TIME TO  
MOVE ON,  
BOSS.



.....

I NEED  
TO GET THE  
BOSS WHERE  
HE'S GOING  
AND GET MY  
MONEY.



...YES.

PER-  
HAPS...

PER-  
HAPS I  
SHOULD.



YOU  
PLAN TO  
LEAVE?



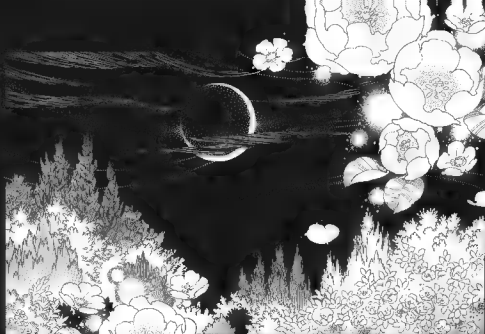
AND  
I THANK  
GOD FOR  
THE CHANCE  
TO HOST  
SUCH FINE  
GUESTS.



NO, THE  
PLEASURE  
WAS MINE.

YOU  
HAVE MY  
SINCERE  
THANKS.

I'VE  
IMPOSED  
UPON YOUR  
HOSPITALITY  
FOR FAR TOO  
LONG.

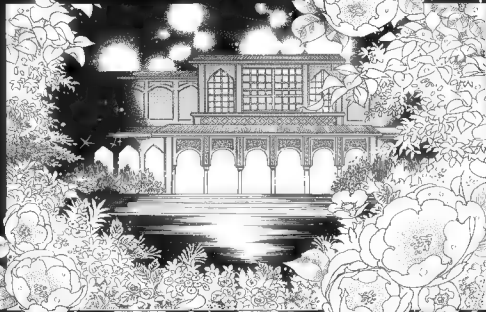
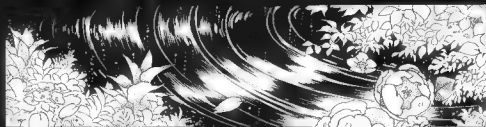


MR. SMITH  
SAYS HE'LL  
BE LEAVING  
TOMORROW.

IT'S  
TOO  
BAD.



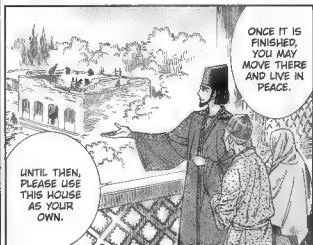


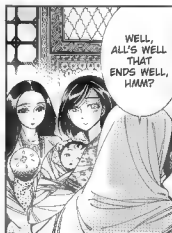




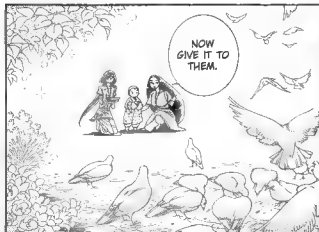




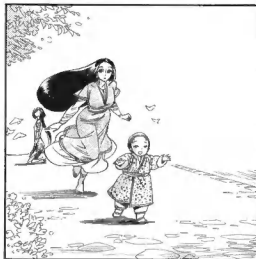
















AND  
WHEN THINGS  
CALM DOWN,  
LET'S GO  
VISIT THE  
BATHS  
AGAIN.

OH,  
AND  
AFTER  
THAT...



OKAY.

LET'S  
GO TO HIS  
GRAVE EVERY  
YEAR AND  
PAY OUR  
RESPECTS.



...IF WE CAN  
MANAGE TO  
TRAVEL A  
LITTLE, LET'S  
FIND SOME  
SHRINE TO  
VISIT.....

ALSO...

